

PUBLIC HOUSING — TENANT BEHAVIOUR — BEACONSFIELD

Petition

MS S.F. McGURK (Fremantle) [9.04 am]: I also have a petition in relation to public housing in Beaconsfield. This petition has been signed by four petitioners, but a further 91 signatures are contained in a noncomplying petition. The petition reads —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, say that the Davis Park precinct in Beaconsfield — bordered by Caesar Street, Lefroy Road, Fifth Avenue and South Street — has a public housing density of 85 per cent, contrary to the Department of Housing's own 11 per cent guideline. This has led to an above-average level of violence, crime and antisocial behaviour in the area. While we do not support lessening overall public housing in the greater Fremantle area, we believe the quality of life for all residents will be enhanced if there is an improved mix of housing in this area.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the State Government to apply the Department of Housing's Urban Renewal Development policy as a matter of urgency in the Davis Park precinct in order to break up the concentration of public housing, and to provide increased support services to residents who have been affected by violence, crime and antisocial behaviour.

[See petition 203.]